

August 26, 1940

Minutes of the Two Hundred Ninety-First Meeting (a Regular Meeting) of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Highway Building, with the following Members being present:

Brady Gentry	Chairman
Harry Hines	Member
Robert Lee Bobbitt	Member
D. C. Greer	State Highway Engineer

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It is ordered by the Commission that a Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be opened at 9:00 A.M., August 26, 1940.

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It is ordered by the Commission that the amount of \$8,785,890.24 be and is hereby appropriated to cover the cost of maintaining the System of State Highways during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1940, and ending August 31, 1941. These funds are to be distributed to the 25 districts and to the Maintenance Division of the Austin office as shown below:

<u>Dist. No.</u>	<u>Recommended Budget</u> <u>1940-1941</u>	<u>Dist.</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Recommended Budget</u> <u>1940-1941</u>	<u>Dist.</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Recommended Budget</u> <u>1940-1941</u>
1	313,837.00	10	389,523.60	19	310,960.00
2	313,596.50	11	348,748.00	20	302,370.50
3	285,292.35	12	371,763.40	21	251,093.50
4	329,894.10	13	333,532.50	22	265,458.00
5	312,472.50	14	313,760.00	23	273,273.60
6	268,732.80	15	317,930.60	24	273,862.40
7	244,870.00	16	294,908.40	25	216,473.60
8	346,209.60	17	268,006.40		\$7,668,356.75
9	332,672.40	18	389,115.00		

State Maintenance Contingent Fund: This fund is to be used to take care of extraordinary expenditures caused by floods, fires, disasters, or other unanticipated emergencies. 150,000.00

Operation of two nail picking machines to be distributed at end of year to districts. 8,760.00

Engineering inspections and investigations, plans, reports, budget studies, inspecting bridge maintenance and designing special bridge repairs, keeping of road and bridge logs, preparation of maps, incidental labor and supplies, etc. 22,500.00

Experimental work and research to be distributed to districts at end of year. 1,500.00

Operation of Galveston-Bolivar Ferry 125,000.00

Morgan's Point Ferry 25,000.00

\$ 8,001,116.75

Reserve for Special Job Fund. This fund is to be used for Special Jobs during 1940-41 and to increase the District's regular maintenance budgets if necessary 784,773.49

\$ 8,785,890.24

The funds of the State Contingent Fund and the Special Job Fund are to be used only with the approval of the State Highway Engineer.

A.F.E. 40-150

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It is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$2,705.00 be made to further Traffic Safety Education.

A.F.E. 40-151

17592

In ARANSAS COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 35, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation in the amount of \$11,350.00 be made to cover the construction of a system of timber fenders for the Copano Bay Causeway.

A.F.E. 40-152

17593

In BAILEY and PARMER COUNTIES, it is ordered by the Highway Commission that the State Highway System as approved on September 26, 1939, by Minute No. 16701, and as subsequently modified, be further modified so that the description of State Highway No. 214 will be as follows:

From Muleshoe via Morton and Plains to Seminole.

17594

In BELL COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 81 and STATE HIGHWAY 317, since it is apparently the mutual desire of the City of Belton and the State Highway Department to provide for widening of pavement including incidental items thereto on U. S. Highway 81 extending from the north end of the Nolan Creek bridge north and east a distance of approximately 2,950 feet, and along State Highway 317 extending north from its intersection with U. S. Highway 81 north a distance of 1,650 feet, the following action is hereby taken:

The City of Belton will provide all rights-of-way, clear of obstructions and free of property damage, and will proceed with construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm sewers, utility adjustments, etc., all as may be necessary for a complete project, with exception of base widening and surfacing between gutters.

The State Highway Department will provide for construction of base widening and surfacing for the full width. This construction is to be undertaken separate, apart and immediately after completion of the work hereinbefore made the responsibility of the City of Belton.

It is understood that the City of Belton will maintain the entire project when completed in a manner satisfactory to the State Highway Department, and will make ample provisions for such maintenance from year to year. Further, it is understood that the City of Belton will pass such resolutions and ordinances in accordance with standard forms of the Highway Department to indemnify the State during and after construction against any and all liability or damage occasioned by or growing out of such construction, to regulate traffic, parking, and prevent encroachments on the right-of-way.

The City of Belton shall recognize that improvements herein authorized do not constitute State Highway Department commitment for a permanent routing of U. S. Highway 81 and State Highway 317 along Main and Sixth Streets. Further, the City of Belton agrees to secure right-of-way in the future for a relocation of either or both of these highways within the City as may be desired and when so requested by the State Highway Department.

Provisions of this Minute Order will not become effective until accepted by appropriate resolution passed by the governing body of the City of Belton.

17595

In BEXAR COUNTY it is ordered that the sum of Eighteen Hundred Twenty-seven and no/100 Dollars (\$1827.00) is hereby appropriated to Mrs. J. Albert Ackerman, a feme sole, of Bexar County, Texas, in full settlement and satisfaction of judgement to be entered in cause No. B-89,572 in the 37th District Court of Bexar County, Texas, styled Mrs. J. Albert Ackerman vs. State of Texas.

A.F.E. 40-153

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17596

In BOWIE COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 67 an appropriation of \$20,000.00 is hereby made for shoulders extending from Redwater to Maud, a distance of approximately 5.2 miles, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this work in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 40-154

17597

WHEREAS, BRAZOS COUNTY, through its Commissioners' Court, and the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce through its Highway Committee, have heretofore prepared and submitted to the Highway Department a proposed county-wide highway plan, contemplating long range development of the present and future highway system in Brazos County; and

WHEREAS, the plan as submitted has been carefully studied and reviewed by the engineering staff of the Highway Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED That the proposed plan as officially presented by Brazos County be, and is hereby, adopted and accepted substantially as proposed, with certain amendments and clarifying clauses hereinafter described and made conditional to this acceptance. Reference is made to the map filed by Brazos County and attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A", which is made a part of this record. On said map those sections of proposed highways described as follows are hereby designated as State Highways:

1. J-E-M, extending from Highway No. 21 west of Bryan to Highway No. 6 south of Bryan.
2. A-H, extending from Highway No. 230 west of College Station to Highway No. 21 west of Bryan.
3. B-K, extending from Highway No. 6 at or near College Station to an intersection with Highway No. 6 and Highway No. 21 north of Bryan.
4. M-D-C-L, extending from Highway No. 6 south of Bryan to an intersection with present State Highway No. 45 at the most practical point at or near Roans Prairie or Shiro, with the understanding that Huntsville is the eastern control point.
5. B-C, extending from Highway No. 6 at College Station to the designation described above under No. (4).

Section K-W, extending from an intersection with Highway No. 6 north of Bryan to an intersection with the O.S.R. near Wheelock, is not designated as a State Highway since it is considered at the present time that this road is local in character and, consequently, should be improved with funds other than regular State Highway Funds. The State Highway Engineer is directed to consult with the County relative to the routing and location of this road, in order that such route, location, and right-of-way deeds may be properly handled to fit into a future highway, if and when such might be designated.

Brazos County, through its Commissioners' Court, having advised that funds are either set aside or available for the securing of right-of-way on the sections of highways described herein, together with that portion of the O.S.R. between Highway No. 6 and U. S. Highway No. 190, and Highway No. 21 between U. S. Highway No. 190 and the present road west of Bryan, and the County road described above; and the Commissioners' Court having requested that surveys and right-of-way deeds be prepared in order that proper right-of-ways may be secured on this highway plan; therefore, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the surveys and preparation of right-of-way deeds, turning such right-of-way deeds over to Brazos County in accordance with their request.

It is clearly understood that Brazos County will proceed with the securing of the entire right-of-way requirements as proposed, of widths satisfactory to the State Highway Engineer, (at Brazos County's expense) and in accordance with their proposal, no right-of-way to be

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obtained until a definite plan of action has been indicated on the entire mileage. The funds to be used for Right-of-Way, reported by the County as \$108,000.00, are to be reserved intact until it is certain that all right-of-way including Section K-W can be secured with available money. It is further understood that the funds available for right-of-way will also provide for removal of obstructions and will provide for fencing with a suitable design of fence to be approved by the State Highway Department.

While not made mandatory, by reason of possible legal difficulties, it is urged that at all possible points easements be secured against billboards within 300 feet of each right-of-way line.

It is distinctly understood that the adoption of this comprehensive plan of highways for Brazos County does not contemplate priority of construction. The right-of-way to be secured and fenced will be under the control of the Highway Commission and will be constructed as funds become available, in line with the consideration necessary to be given to like demands on the remainder of the highway system throughout the state. No funds are available for construction of any portion of these routes at this time. Each land owner from whom right-of-way is obtained is to be advised of this policy and, as far as practicable, land should be kept in use until needed for the initial phase of the improvement.

The State Highway Commission hereby commends the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County for the farsighted policy which they have proposed and the constructive manner in which the plan has been prepared.

This order is conditioned upon full acceptance of the provisions of said order by the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County.

17598

In DELTA COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 24 it is ordered that Minute No. 17454, dated July 1, 1940, be modified to eliminate any and all responsibility imposed therein on the County of Delta. All other provisions of this Minute are to remain in full force and effect.

17599

In DE WITT COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 72 it is ordered that an appropriation of \$9,000.00 be and is hereby made for the construction of a seal coat extending from Yorktown to the Karnes County Line, a distance of 10.9 miles, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this work in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 40-155

17600

In DICKENS COUNTY since it is apparently the mutual desire of the City of Spur and the State Highway Department to provide for construction of grading, drainage structures and surfacing extending from a connection with State Highway 70 at Spur to the State Experimental Farm, a distance of approximately 1.35 miles, the following action is hereby taken:

The City of Spur and the County of Dickens will provide all rights-of-way, clear of obstructions and free of property damage.

The City of Spur will proceed with construction of grading, drainage structures, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, utility adjustments, etc., for a distance of approximately 0.39 mile, or so far as may be mutually agreed upon as needed within the City of Spur.

The State Highway Department will provide for construction of a dustless road satisfactory for the purpose intended for the full length of the project, with the exception of the section to be jointly improved by the City of Spur and the Highway Department. On this excepted section the State Highway Department will provide for construction of base and surfacing for the full width between curbs and gutters. The work herein made the responsibility of the State will be undertaken separate, apart and immediately after completion of the work hereinbefore made the responsibility of the City of Spur.

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It is understood that the City of Spur will maintain that portion of the project within the City Limits in a manner satisfactory to the Highway Department, and will make ample provision for such maintenance from year to year. Further, it is understood that the City of Spur will pass such resolutions and ordinances in accordance with standard forms of the Highway Department to indemnify the State during and after construction against any and all liability or damage occasioned by or growing out of the work performed within the City, to regulate traffic, parking, and prevent encroachments on the right-of-way.

In order to accomplish the work hereinbefore authorized, it is ordered that a Highway be designated extending from State Highway 70 at Spur westerly to the State Experimental Farm. It is understood that this designation in no manner commits the State Highway Department for an extension thereof to points west of the Experimental Farm.

The provisions of this Minute Order will not become effective until accepted by appropriate resolutions passed by the governing bodies of the City of Spur and the County of Dickens.

17601

In DUVAL COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 44 it is ordered that an appropriation of \$20,000.00 be and is hereby made for the placing of a seal coat extending from Freer to San Diego, a distance of approximately 24.9 miles, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this work in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 40-156

17602

In FAYETTE COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 71 it is ordered that a project be added to the 1940 Regular Federal Aid Program providing for construction of approaches to the Colorado River Bridge at La Grange, a distance of approximately 1.0 mile, at an estimated total cost of \$76,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for approval of this proposed program modification.

17603

In GRIMES COUNTY, FAS 61-A (1), Control 917 7-1, HIGHWAY "FEEDER", the cost of constructing grading and drainage structures is exceeding the original appropriation due to necessity for increased quantities of common road excavation and common borrow and an engineering cost in excess of the project contingent fund; and the amount of the appropriation under Minute No. 16807, dated November 20, 1939, is hereby increased \$2,500.00 to finance the cost of completing construction as planned.

A.F.E. 40-157

17604

In HALE COUNTY, it is ordered by the Highway Commission that the State Highway System as approved on September 26, 1939, by Minute No. 16701, and as subsequently modified, be further modified so that the description of State Highway No. 278 will be as follows:

From a point on State Highway No. 207 south of Floydada to a point on U. S. Highway No. 87 south of Plainview and from the Hale-Lamb County line via Littlefield to a point on State Highway No. 214 south of Muleshoe.

17605

In HAMILTON COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 281 it is ordered that a project be added to the 1940 Regular Federal Aid Program providing for construction of grading, drainage structures and surfacing extending from 4 miles north of the Coryell County Line to Hamilton, a distance of approximately 11.7 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$255,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for this proposed program modification.

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17606

In HARRIS COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 73, since it now appears that right-of-way cannot be secured for the approved 1941 Regular Federal Aid Program project providing for construction of grading, drainage structures and surfacing extending from a connection with the existing Highway to Houston through Memorial Park Underpass, a distance of 4.2 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$150,000, it is ordered that this project be withdrawn from the Program.

It is further ordered in Fort Bend and Harris Counties on State Highway 288 that a substitution project be added to the 1941 Regular Federal Aid Program providing for grading, drainage structures, and surfacing extending from the end of concrete pavement in Harris County south to the Brazoria County Line, a distance of 12.2 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$158,000.

The State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for the program modification authorized above.

17607

In HOWARD AND GLASSCOCK COUNTIES, it is ordered by the Highway Commission that the description of the State Highway System as approved on September 26, 1939 by Minute No. 16701, and as subsequently modified, be further modified so that the description of State Highway No. 207 will be as follows:

From Silverton via Floydada, Ralls, Post and Gail to Big Spring.

17608

In HUNT COUNTY, it is ordered by the Highway Commission that the description of the State Highway System as approved on September 26, 1939, by Minute No. 16701, and as subsequently modified, be further modified so that the description of State Highway No. 314 will be as follows:

From Bailey to Wolfe City.

17609

In JEFFERSON COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 69, in order that a completed improvement may be provided as contemplated, it is ordered that additional funds in the amount of \$63,000.00 be authorized for the approved 1941 Regular Federal Aid Program project providing for the construction of surfacing extending from U. S. Highway 90 in Beaumont north to Rosedale.

17610

In JEFFERSON and CHAMBERS COUNTIES on STATE HIGHWAY 73, since it now appears that the small amount of funds previously indicated as being available for improvements at a location to be subsequently determined are insufficient to provide an economical or feasible improvement, it is ordered that this indication of funds be deleted from the records such that eligible funds from future programs might be considered for this Highway.

On business route in Port Arthur it is ordered that a project be added to the State Program providing for improvements along Woodworth Boulevard from Sixteenth Street to Proctor Street, this work to be undertaken and jointly financed with the County of Jefferson and/or the City of Port Arthur. It is estimated that the State's portion of this construction as made available by the release described in the preceding paragraph will approximate \$35,000.00.

17611

In LAMPASAS COUNTY, it is ordered by the Commission that Minute #17200 appropriating \$250.00 to pay the cost of purchasing a Section Warehouse site in Lampasas be cancelled and that the proposal of Lampasas County to purchase this site and do the necessary work of placing the site in satisfactory condition in exchange for the old Section Warehouse building be accepted. The District Engineer is authorized to abandon the old Section Warehouse building to Lampasas County when the construction of a new Section Warehouse building has been completed on the new site.

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17612

In MILLS COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 16 (formerly State Highway 81) it is ordered that the approved 1941 Secondary Highway Program project providing for surfacing extending from Goldthwaite southwest a distance of approximately 5 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$43,000.00 be enlarged to provide for surfacing extending from Goldthwaite southwest to the Colorado River, a distance of approximately 9.7 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$82,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for this proposed program modification.

17613

In MONTAGUE COUNTY in Bowie, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.00 be made for the cost of constructing a standard 30' x 75' Section Warehouse.

A.F.E. 40-158

17614

In NACOGDOCHES COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 21 it is ordered that a project be added to the approved State Program providing for reconditioning of base and surfacing extending from Nacogdoches to the Attoyac River, a distance of approximately 17.6 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$106,000, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this work in the most economical and feasible manner.

17615

In PARKER COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 80 an appropriation of \$20,000 is hereby made for reconditioning base and base preservative extending from Weatherford to the Clear Fork of the Trinity River, a distance of approximately 7.6 miles, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this work by contract or day labor methods.

A.F.E. 40-159

17616

In PECOS and REEVES COUNTIES on U. S. HIGHWAY 285, it is ordered that Minutes numbered 16867, authorizing construction extending from the Pecos-Reeves County Line northwesterly a distance of approximately 5 miles, at a cost of \$12,200.00, and 16652, authorizing improvement between Fort Stockton and the Pecos-Reeves County Line, at a cost of \$18,000.00 be and are hereby canceled.

It is further ordered that a project be authorized providing for grading, drainage structures and surfacing extending from Fort Stockton northwesterly a distance of approximately 8 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$60,000.00.

17617

In POLK COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 59, it is ordered that a project be added to the 1940 Regular Federal Aid Program providing for construction of surfacing on U. S. Highway 59 extending from Buck to Moscow, a distance of approximately 14 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$350,000, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for this proposed program modification.

17618

In POLK COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 59, it is ordered that a project be added to the 1940 Regular Federal Aid Program providing for construction of surfacing extending from Piney Creek to 1 mile south of Moscow, a distance of approximately 10.1 mile, at an estimated total cost of \$252,000, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for approval of this proposed program modification.

17619

In POLK COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 59, since it now appears that the previously authorized 1941 Regular Federal Aid Program projects providing for construction of grading and drainage structures from Buck to Moscow, a distance of approximately 14 miles, cannot be constructed within the funds allotted, the State Highway Engineer is directed to advertise these projects for bids on the basis of an approximately \$100,000 increased estimated cost.

17620

In REAL COUNTY, U. S. Highway 83, S.R.W.R. 77, Section 1, Control 36-3 1, it is ordered by the Commission that additional funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 be appropriated to allow a semi-completion and close out for this project.

A.F.E. 40-160

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In RUSK COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 64 and U. S. HIGHWAY 79, it is ordered that the approved 1941 Regular Federal Aid Program project providing for construction of surfacing extending from Henderson to near Joinerville, a distance of 7.5 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$225,000, be modified to provide for construction of surfacing on State Highway 64 and U. S. Highway 79 extending from near Joinerville easterly via the circle to a point on the present road east of Henderson, a distance of approximately 8.3 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$289,000, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for this program modification.

17622

In SAN SABA and LAMPASAS COUNTIES on U. S. HIGHWAY 190, it is ordered that an appropriation of \$8,800.00 be and is hereby made for reconditioning base and placing of a base preservative extending from San Saba east a distance of approximately 9.8 miles, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with this work in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 40-161

17623

In SHELBY COUNTY near U. S. 59, it is ordered by the Commission that \$1,150.00 be appropriated to correct an undesirable drainage condition at the Attoyac River. This work is to be done by the day labor method through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 40-162

17624

In TRINITY COUNTY, STATE HIGHWAY NO. 45, Control 109, Section 8, an appropriation of \$31,300.00 is hereby made for the construction of grading, drainage structures and surfacing from end of pavement being constructed on WPGH-FAGH 225 (4), 5098.7 feet north to beginning of existing pavement, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the work in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 40-163

17625

In VICTORIA COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 295, since it now appears that Public Roads Administration approval of the project originally submitted as a part of the proposed 1941 Secondary Highway Program providing for construction of grading and drainage structures extending from 3.4 miles north of Victoria north a distance of approximately 6.5 miles at an estimated total cost of \$46,000.00, is likely to be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, it is ordered that request for approval of this project be withdrawn.

It is further ordered that an appropriation of \$23,000.00 be and is hereby made to provide for an extension of the work now under construction immediately adjacent to the north end of the project described in the preceding paragraph to include this mileage, such that continuous improvements may be provided upon completion of the authorized work.

A.F.E. 40-164

17626

In VICTORIA COUNTY, Victoria, Texas, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation in the amount of \$720.75 be made to cover the cost of constructing a Resident Engineer's Office, size 17' x 30'.

A.F.E. 40-165

17627

In WALKER COUNTY, STATE HIGHWAY NO. 45, Control 109, Section 9, an appropriation of \$10,600.00 is hereby made for the construction of grading, drainage structures and surfacing from end of pavement being constructed on WPGH-FAGH 225-B (1), 1800 feet south to beginning of existing pavement, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the work in the most economical and feasible manner.

A.F.E. 40-166

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In WISE COUNTY at DECATUR, TEXAS, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.00 be made for the cost of constructing a standard 30' x 75' Section Warehouse.

A.F.E. 40-167

17629

In BEXAR and GUADALUPE COUNTIES, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Flexible Base Shoulders and Double Asphalt Surface Treatment, from 10.5 Mi. E. of San Antonio to 1.5 Mi. W. of Guadalupe Co. Line and from 4 Mi. E. of Bexar County Line to 8 Mi. West of Seguin, a distance of 7.087 miles on U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 90, Control 25-2&3-13&11 (C.W.R.), is awarded to Holland Page, Austin, Texas, for \$31,033.73, which is the lowest and best bid.

17630

In BRAZORIA COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Grade Revisions, Stabilized Base and Single Asphalt Surface Treatment, from intersection with State Hwy. 36 near West Columbia to a point 0.34 Mi. E. of San Bernard River Bridge, a distance of 1.917 miles on HIGHWAY NO. 35, Control 179-2-8, is awarded to N. P. Turner, Austin, Texas for \$23,691.96, which is the lowest and best bid.

17631

In BRAZOS COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Grading and Drainage Structures from a point 0.4 Mi. S.W. of Old Hwy. 6 near College Station to a point 0.25 Mi. E. of Brazos River, a distance of 5.285 miles on HIGHWAY NO. 230, Control 506-1-1, is awarded to J. W. Perry, Llanó, Texas for \$26,312.65, which is the lowest and best bid.

17632

In CALDWELL and HAYS COUNTIES, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Blanco River Bridge and Roadway Approaches, a distance of 2.195 miles on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 80, Control 286-2&1-5 C.W.R. Project, is awarded to Southern Contracting Company & Jensen Construction Co., Inc., Austin, Texas for \$90,496.11, which is the lowest and best bid.

17633

In CHEROKEE COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Grading and Drainage Structures, from a point 0.5 Mile South of Summerfield to S.E. to near Mud Creek, a distance of 6.268 miles on HIGHWAY NO. 110, Control 345-4-3 (C.W.R.), is awarded to Cook & Cook, Inc., Crockett, Texas for \$47,791.86, which is the lowest and best bid.

17634

In EL PASO COUNTY, all bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Grading, Drainage Structures, Soil Cement Base and Double Asphalt Surface Treatment, from U. S. Highway 80 to U. S. Highway 62 (El Paso Loop), a distance of 1.630 miles on EL PASO LOOP and U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 62, Control 374-2-5 and 2-12-2, are hereby rejected, and the project is to be re-designed and re-advertised at a later date.

17635

In GOLIAD COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Installing Steel Jetties, Coletto Creek on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 29, Control 155-2, M 16-M-6, is awarded to Kellner Jetties Company, Topeka, Kansas for \$1,956.90, which is the lowest and best bid.

17636

In JASPER and NEWTON COUNTIES, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Flexible Base Course, Asphalt Prime and Seal Coat, located as follows: (Jasper County) Control 244-3-13; U. S. HIGHWAY 190; 7.282 Miles; from G. C. & S.F. R.R. East of Jasper to the Newton County Line; (Newton County) Control 244-4-11; U. S. HIGHWAY 190; 7.470 Miles; from the Jasper County Line to Newton; (Newton County) Control 244-4&5-10&7; U. S. HIGHWAY 190; 12.469 Miles; from Newton to the Sabine River Bridge; (Newton County) Control 304-8-12; STATE HIGHWAY NO. 87; 2.881 Miles; from 2.2 miles North of Burkeville to 9.17 Miles Northeast of Newton (Sections); is awarded to Austin Road Company, Dallas, Texas for \$20,808.84, which is the lowest and best bid.

17637

In LAVACA COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Grading and Drainage Structures, from Yoakum to a point 4 Miles Southeast, a distance of 4.158 miles on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 111, Control 346-6-1 (C.W.R.), is awarded to Moore Brothers Construction Company, Lufkin, Texas for \$22,124.01, which is the lowest and best bid.

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- In LIVE OAK COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Flexible Base and Asphalt Surfacing from George West to 2.5 Miles East of George West, a distance of 2.028 miles, on HIGHWAY NO. 202, Control 447-1-8, is awarded to George Kies, Inc., Austin, Texas, for \$13,973.31, which is the lowest and best bid.
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- In McMULLEN COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Nueces River & Relief Bridges and Roadway Approaches, a distance of 3.077 miles on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 173, Control 513-3-1, is awarded to Cage Bros. & L. A. Turner, Bishop, Texas for \$208,215.86, which is the lowest and best bid.
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- In ORANGE COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Roadbed Treatment and Concrete Pavement from a point 2.59 Mi. N. E. of the N. End of Neches River Bridge to a point 1.8 Mi. W. of W. City Limits of Orange, a distance of 6.029 miles on HIGHWAY NO. 87, Control 306-1&2-5&8, is awarded to Austin Road Company, Dallas, Texas for \$114,605.95, which is the lowest and best bid.
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- In SMITH COUNTY, on bids received July 23, 1940, contract for construction of Standard District Laboratory, Warehouse, Blacksmith Shop and Paint Shop Buildings in Tyler, Texas, is awarded to H. E. White and Company of Tyler, Texas, for \$36,932.00, which is the lowest and best bid.
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- In SWISHER COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Flexible Base and Double Asphalt Surface Treatment, from 4.2 Miles East of Tulia to 6.7 Miles East of Tulia, a distance of 2.500 miles on HIGHWAY NO. 86, Control 303-1-11 (C.W.R.), is awarded to Cocke & Braden, Amarillo, Texas, for \$13,902.15, which is the lowest and best bid.
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- In WALLER COUNTY, on bids received August 20, 1940, contract for construction of Installing Steel Jetties on west bank of Brazos River on U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 290, Control 114-11, Project M-12-A-9, is awarded to Kellner Jetties Company, Topeka, Kansas, for \$9,742.44, which is the lowest and best bid.
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- It is ordered by the Highway Commission that the Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials be requested to modify the description of U. S. Highway System terminating U. S. Highway No. 283 at its junction with U. S. Highway No. 183 at Brady, terminating U. S. Highway No. 287 at its junction with U. S. Highway No. 69 near Woodville, terminating U. S. Highway No. 96 at its junction with U. S. Highway No. 69 at Voth and terminating U. S. Highway No. 79 at its junction with U. S. Highway No. 81 at Round Rock.

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It is ordered by the Commission that the following Lease Agreements executed by the State Highway Engineer are hereby approved:

COUNTY	LOCATION	USE	CONSIDERATION	LEASED FROM	PERIOD
Johnson	W. 150 ft., Lots 1,2,Block 450, Cleburne	Section Whse. Site	\$ 4.17per mo.	W.P. Ball	6 months
Bastrop	1 acre ground, Bastrop	Section Whse. Site	60.00 per yr.	J. E. Adams	5 years
Wise	Block 3, James A. Proc- ter Addition, Decatur	Section Whse. Site	4.17 per mo.	Maud Hogg et al	6 months
Gaines	50' x 150' Tract, Sur. 10, Block C-34, Seagraves	Asphalt Storage Tank Site	15.00 per yr.	Lone Star Town- site Company	Contin- uous

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It is ordered that an appropriation of \$132,963.75 be made to reimburse the Texas Prison System for manufacture and delivery cost of the 1939 Motor Vehicle License Plates. Authority to make such payment is given the Highway Commission in the current Legislative Appropriation Bill.

It is also ordered that \$3,780.97 be appropriated to cover inspection of manufacture of paint used on the 1940 License Plates, and inspection of the actual manufacture of the 1940 License Plates.

A.F.E. 40-168

17647

It is ordered by the Commission that the following appropriations of State and Federal Funds are hereby made for the State Wide Highway Planning Survey, said funds being in the approved 1941 Federal Programs:

From 1941 Regular Federal Aid Funds	\$104,000.00
From 1941 Secondary Highway Funds	14,000.00
From 1941 Grade Crossing Funds	24,400.00
State Funds to Match above Regular	
Federal Aid and Secondary Highway Funds	<u>118,000.00</u>
	\$260,400.00

The above appropriations are in addition to funds appropriated by Minute No. 16251 dated May 23rd, 1939.

A.F.E. 40-169

17648

It is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$37,500.00 be made available to the Materials and Tests Division to be used in whole or part to cover salaries and expenses for research and investigational work for the six month period of time from September 1, 1940 through February 28, 1941.

A.F.E. 40-170

17649

It is ordered by the Commission that the amount of \$135,014.00 be appropriated for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1941, to be distributed as follows:

Landscape Division	\$13,220.00
Cost of Operating Main Building including wages of seven porters	5,000.00
Reproduction Division (Blue Printing, Multilithing, Photostat, etc.)	39,000.00
Salaries Mimeograph Clerks	10,000.00
Salaries and Expenses of Main Office Employees - Undistributed	<u>67,794.00</u>
TOTAL -----	\$135,014.00

A.F.E. 40-171

17650

It is ordered by the State Highway Commission that appropriations be made for Equipment Purchases and for Camp R. M. Hubbard Accounts, as follows:

Acct. No.

8410 Purchase of Highway Equipment	\$40,000.00
8430 Purchase of Shop Equipment	10,000.00
8450 Purchase of Office Equipment	14,000.00

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8311	Camp Hubbard Undistributed Expense	\$ 3,500.00
8314	Upkeep & Operation of Shop & Hwy. Equipment at Camp Hubbard	500.00
8316	Upkeep of Buildings, Grounds, Furniture & Fixtures at Camp Hubbard	1,000.00
8317	Miscellaneous Administrative Overhead	2,500.00
8440	Purchase of Miscellaneous Office Equipment & Supplies	5,000.00
TOTAL - - -		\$ 76,500.00

A.F.E. 40-172

17651 It is ordered that Minute No. 16605, dated August 31, 1939, providing for the construction of a Records Building at Camp Hubbard, at an estimated cost of \$17,000.00, be hereby canceled.

17652 In DE WITT COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 29, it is ordered that a project be added to the 1940 Regular Federal Aid Program providing for surfacing extending from a connection with U. S. Highway 87 southwest of Cuero south to the Goliad County Line, a distance of approximately 11.7 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$153,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the Public Roads Administration providing for this proposed program modification.

17653 In HOUSTON and LEON COUNTIES, it is ordered that Minute Order No. 17161 dated April 1, 1940, be and is hereby canceled. In lieu thereof, the following action is taken:

Upon the transfer of adequate title to the State of Texas for a bridge and appurtenances over the Trinity River, known as the Hurricane Shoals Bridge, as well as title to all right-of-way between the Bridge and Crockett, and upon the placing of \$3775.29 in escrow available to the State Highway Department for the improvement of that portion of the Highway hereinafter designated within the City Limits of Crockett, the following action by the State Highway Commission becomes effective:

It is ordered that a Highway be designated from Crockett in Houston County to Centerville in Leon County. It is further ordered that an expenditure of \$25,000 be made for the improvement of this Highway between Crockett and the Hurricane Shoals Bridge, the work to consist of the most needed improvements that can be financed with the funds available.

It is further ordered that an appropriation of \$4,000.00 be made for the maintenance of this Highway from Crockett to and across the Trinity River Bridge. It is understood that State maintenance of the Highway in Leon County will not be assumed until such time as the road has been constructed to State Highway Department standards.

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17654 In AUSTIN COUNTY, STATE HIGHWAY 159, it is ordered by the Commission that State Funds in the amount of \$10,770.00 be appropriated for the construction of 3.053 miles of stabilized base and single asphalt surface treatment beginning at a point 1.8 miles west of Industry and extending to Fayette County Line. This was authorized in the 1940 Asphalt Program and is known as Project L 408-2-7.

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17655 In the following Counties an appropriation of \$130,450.00 is hereby made for the construction, by day labor methods, of the projects listed below and under the authority as shown.

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COUNTY & CONTROL	HWAY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AUTHORITY	AMOUNT FOR P. A. SETUP
Shackelford L-107-2-7	US-380	0.626	Widen Flex. Bs. & Base Preserv.	Adjacent to MKT Cross. near Acampo	1940 Asp. Program	\$ 2,930.00
Palo Pinto	16 & 254	30.70	Gr.Dr.Str.Flex. Bse.&Asp.Surf.	From 7.4 Mi. N.E. of Brad to US-281 near Sales- ville.	Min.17501	115,000.00
McMullen L-517-2-2	173	0.097	Repairs to Frio River, San Miguel Cr.Br. and Build Dry Cr. Bridge.	Near Tilden	Min. 16957	3,520.00
Hood-Johnson LWR-365-2-4 LWR-365-3-4	171	1.50	Gr.Dr.Str.Flex.Bs. & Asph. Preserv.	Cresson South 1.5 Miles	1940 State Program	10,000.00

A.F.E. 40-174

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It is ordered by the Commission that the unauthorized balance of the funds made available for investigation and planning expense during the 1940 Fiscal year be and is hereby reappropriated and augmented with an additional appropriation of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of issuing I.P.E. Authorizations for investigation and planning expense during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1940. This appropriation is made with the understanding that this fund is to be used by the Austin Office and the Districts on a basis of the needs of each and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to direct the issuance of authorizations for investigation and planning work.

A.F.E. 40-175

17657

In YOAKUM COUNTY, it is ordered by the Highway Commission that the State Highway System as approved on September 26, 1939, by Minute No. 16701, and as subsequently modified, be further modified so that the description of STATE HIGHWAY NO. 214 will be as follows:

From Muleshoe via Morton to the Cochran-Yoakum County line and from the Yoakum-Gaines County line to Seminole.

17658

It is ordered by the Commission that the Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be closed at 6:00 P.M., August 27th, 1940.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true and correct record of all proceedings and official orders of the State Highway Commission at its Two Hundred Ninety-First Meeting (a Regular Meeting) held at Austin, Texas, on August 26th and 27th, 1940.


SECRETARY
TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION